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The Honorable Kay Granger, Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Morganza to the Gulf (MTG) MR&T Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, located at 7400 Leake Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118. The funding would be used to raise Reach F, construct Reach A, and/or other critical features of the MTG System. Reach A is a critical levee reach in the system that connects the community of Dularge and Houma in Terrebonne Parish, LA. This would be a critical feature to the comprehensive protection offered by the MTG System. This would also connect two key features of the Morganza system – Reach B in Dularge with the Western Tie-in near Houma. Additionally, the raising of Reach F between the Houma Navigation Canal Floodgate and the Dularge Reach will increase the level of protection along the system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the MTG System will protect not only the communities and residents within Terrebonne Parish, but also an industrial base that supports 20 percent of our nation's domestically-produced energy. Moreover, the system will protect shipyards currently building vessels for the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA, and NSF. Lastly, nearly \$1 billion has been invested in the MTG System through local and state funds, with residents taxing themselves for over 20 years to build this hurricane protection infrastructure.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1001 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-114).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Steve Scalise
Member of Congress